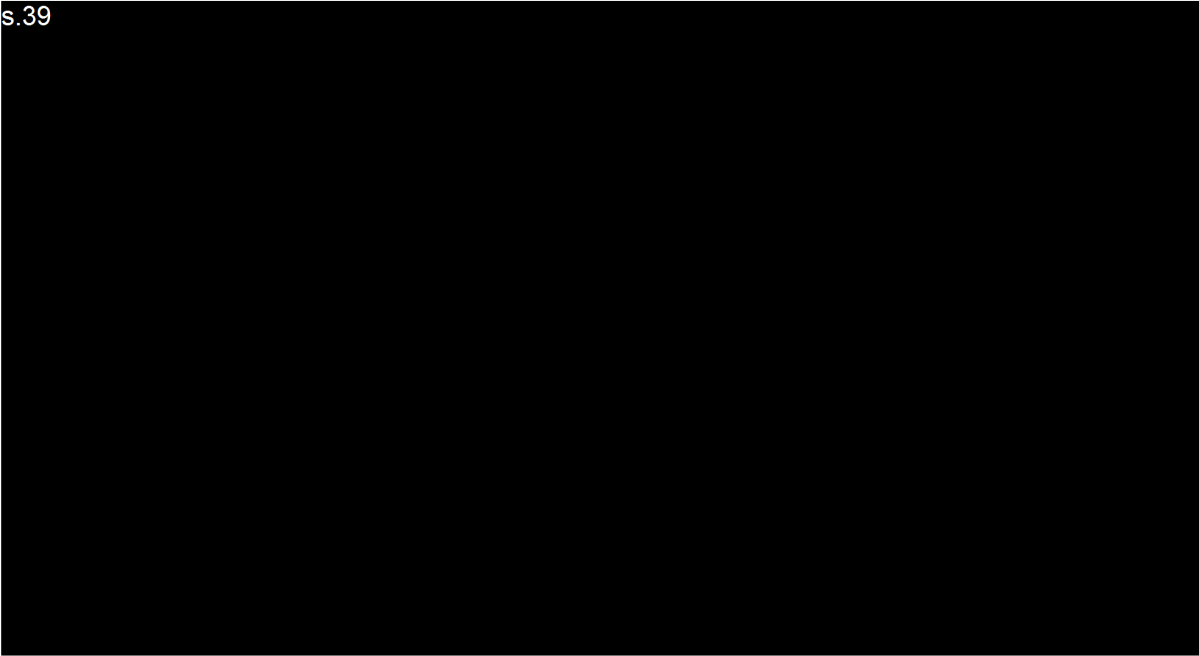


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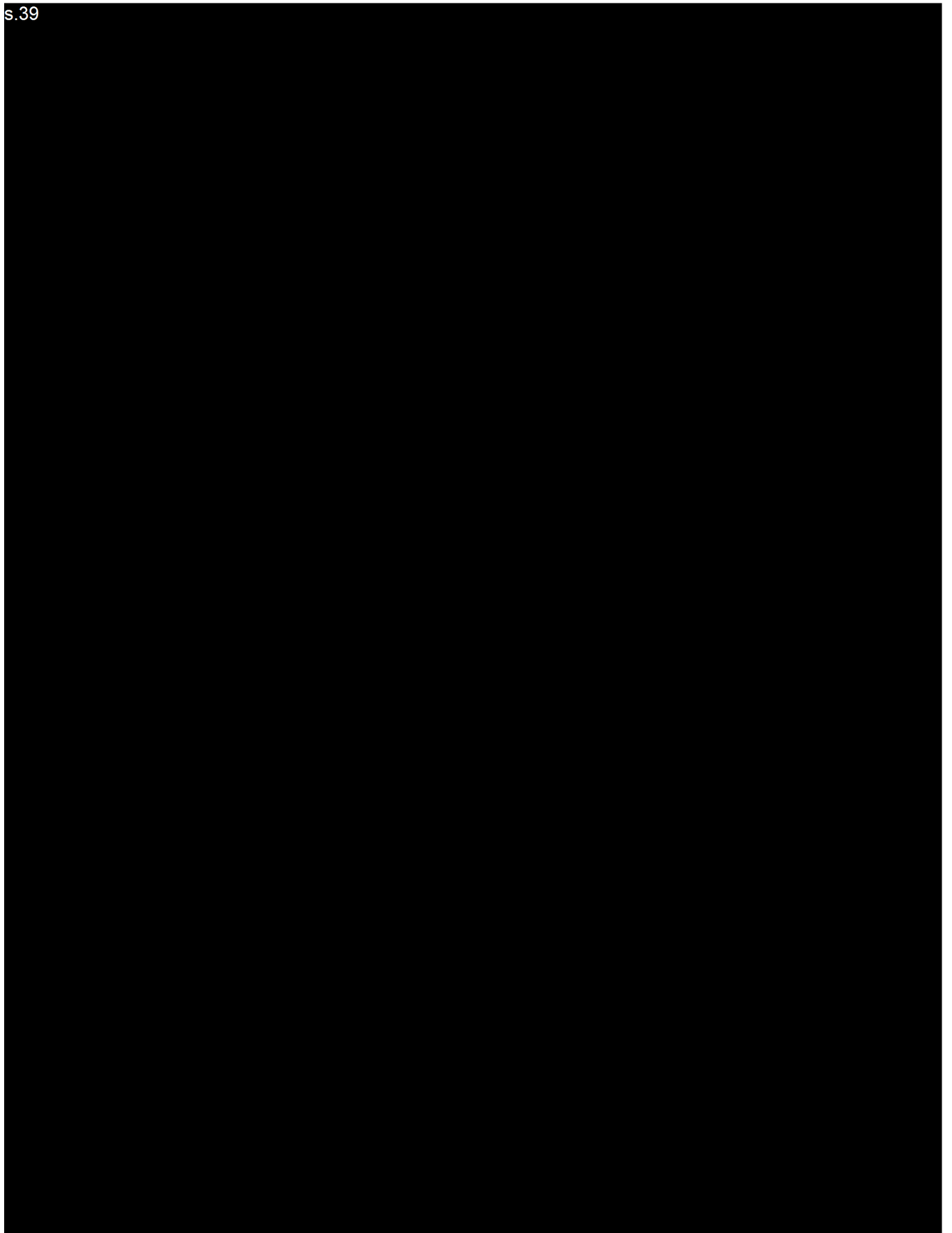
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Middy GOC update: **New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 12 Feb.** Highlights are mine.

IMPACTED AREAS: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- There are 30-40 people on Parliament Hill, and approx. 80-100 people on the surrounding streets. Police resources are monitoring incoming convoys from Quebec and elsewhere in Ontario (as of 10:00 12 Feb).
- A 'Pro-Ottawa rally', led by a coalition of local labour unions and community organizations is planned for 12 Feb at Lansdowne Park.

Windsor, ON:

- **As of 12 Feb, protesters and the blockade remain along Huron Church Rd. As of 09:30 EST 12 Feb, approx.** 100 protesters remain in front of the Ambassador Bridge. Windsor Police Service have advised protesters that they intend to enforce an injunction on them today and have warned protesters to leave. Protesters did disassemble a temporary structure on Huron Church and also appeared to be packing various items up, however the numbers of protesters still remains at 100 approx.
- As reported by TC at 10:08 EST, several buses carrying police personnel have arrived on site and law enforcement members have swelled in numbers and are currently staged. Police are slowly approaching protesters at this time. Action by police is continuing and this situation is very fluid and active at this time.
- At the request of OPP, TC issued a NOTAM restricting airspace over the protest area in Windsor from 05:00-17:00 EST 12 Feb.

Sarnia, ON:

- As of 11 Feb, CBSA reports an emergency detour route around the blockade on Hwy 402 has been implemented by the OPP. The Blue Water Bridge is open to commercial vehicle traffic entering Canada, with continued delays. **Border wait times for Canada-bound commercial vehicles is approx. 2 hours, and no delay for US-bound traffic (as of 05:00 EST 12 Feb).**

Fort Erie, ON:

- Planned demonstration at Peace Bridge - open source information indicates the convoy may block access to the Peace Bridge on 12 Feb, with potential to impact the Fort Erie-Buffalo border crossing.

o Niagara region braces for planned protest at Fort Erie Peace Bridge. [Link](#)

Cornwall, ON:

- As reported by TC, at 08:00 on 12 Feb, toll booth attendants on duty at the Seaway International Bridge Corporation (SIBC) noticed there were tractors moving in an attempt to block the canal bridge. The protest is consisted mostly of tractors, large farm equipment, pickup trucks, and a single transport truck without a load. There are approx. 30 total vehicles blocking the northbound lane. SIBC management, Cornwall Police, OPP, and Akwesasne Mohawk Police are on site, and traffic is being allowed through in a single lane. As of 09:00 EST, no delays are reported by CBSA for Canada-bound traffic at the Cornwall POE.

Toronto, ON:

- In response to social media posts announcing a possible demonstration, Toronto Police Service have closed streets around Queen's Park Circle to traffic.
 - Toronto Police close streets ahead of 2nd weekend convoy protest. [Link](#)
- NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto until 13 Feb.

Winnipeg, MB:

- Reports indicate small number of demonstrators outside of the Manitoba legislative building.
 - Winnipeg convoy plans to stay put despite province's roadmap to ending COVID restrictions. [Link](#)
- NOTAM is in effect restricting airspace over the protest in Winnipeg until 14 Feb.

Emerson, MB:

- As of 12 Feb, CBSA reports no changes with the blockade at Emerson POE; operations continue to be impacted by protest activity just north of the POE.
- RCMP reports that they intend to continue allowing CBSA staff, local residents and livestock to proceed through the blockade as needed.
- All commercial traffic is being re-routed back to the US and directed to alternate POEs.

Regina, SK and Regway POE:

- A convoy is expected to take place on 12 Feb, with a truck convoy departing Regina and travelling down Hwy 6 to the Regway POE.
 - Convoy to Saskatchewan-US border planned Saturday in solidarity with Ottawa protest. [Link](#)
 - Sask. Premier asks protesters not to block border crossings during planned weekend demonstrations. [Link](#)

Coutts (Port of Entry) and Edmonton, AB:

- As of 11 Feb, the highway north of Coutts continues to be impeded by protesters blocking the provincial highway. All traffic at Coutts POE is being redirected to nearby POEs. CBSA Prairie region is awaiting a formal request by the RCMP to temporarily suspend CBSA services at Coutts POE.
 - Alberta premier looks to RCMP to carry out enforcement at Coutts border blockade. [Link](#)

- The Provincial Operations Centre will escalate to level 2 at 12:00 EST on 12 Feb in response to demonstration activity. City of Edmonton EOC will be elevated to level 2 until 22:00 EST 12 Feb.

- o Another convoy expected in Edmonton Saturday, city granted injunction prohibiting frequent honking within city limits. [Link](#)

- NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River and Coutts until 16 Feb.

Fredericton, NB:

- According to NB EMO, the Freedom Convoy protest movement appears to be well coordinated and has the possibility of becoming very large. Additional smaller protests throughout NB are anticipated.

- o Protesters start showing up early for Day 2 of Fredericton demonstration. [Link](#)

- o Police say planning paid off in controlling Day 1 of Fredericton protest. [Link](#)

- Provincial government amending its Emergency Act, adding prohibitions such as blocking the normal flow of traffic on any road or highway.

- Fredericton's EOC is at level 3 – Full Activation, in advance of demonstrations planned for 11-13 Feb. NB PEOC is activated to level 1 – Enhanced Monitoring.

Halifax, NS:

- Protest activity is planned for 12 Feb with a truck convoy- *Nova Scotians for Freedom*, departing from cities across Nova Scotia converging in Halifax later in the afternoon. In addition, the group *Mariners for Freedom* is planning protest activity at sea ports throughout the province.

- Nova Scotia legislature is temporarily closed due to an unspecified security risk.

- o Halifax police brace for disruptions from planned trucker protest Saturday. [Link](#)

Vancouver, BC and Metro area:

- A truck convoy is being organized to start in Chilliwack on 12 Feb. The convoy is planning to pass the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) on its way to the Pacific Hwy POE. The YVR EOC will be activated on 12 Feb. In addition Public Safety Regional Office's Federal Coordination Centre (FCC) will also be monitoring this event.

- As of 11 Feb, the demonstration continues near the Pacific Highway POE, and has remained peaceful. Approx. 20-30 participants remain between 2nd and 4th Avenues on 176 St.

Montreal, QC:

- A protest and march are planned at Jarry Park in Montreal on 12 Feb.

- o Manifestation en appui aux camionneurs et contre-manifestation à Montréal. [Lien](#)

WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE:

IMVE:

· **As per ITAC:**

- **Individuals seeking to participate in a legitimate protest are distinct from actors espousing violent extremism.**
- The most likely IMVE-related scenario involves an individual or small group using readily available weapons and resources such as knives, firearms, homemade explosives and vehicles in public areas against soft targets, including opposition groups or members of the general public.
- **The increase in violent online rhetoric targeting uniformed personnel is likely not indicative of increased intent by IMVE actors to conduct planned, directed attacks against members of law enforcement.** Uniformed personnel are more likely to be targeted because of their accessibility in the course of their duties. The terrorism threat to uniformed personnel remains MEDIUM.
- IMVE adherents may feel empowered by the level of disorder resulting from the protests. This could lead to individuals vulnerable to extremist messaging to commit isolated acts of violence.

International:

- Minister of Public Safety met his US counterpart on 11 Feb. DHS presented key challenges which overlap with our challenges, POE and economic impacts are most important. There is good collaboration amongst border personnel on both sides of the border. DHS is monitoring protests in Europe, including in France, and have established contact with those partners.
- **DHS moves to counter truck convoy in US ahead of Super Bowl Sunday amid trucker protests.** [Link](#)
- **COVID protests: Hundreds fined as convoy enters Paris.** [Link](#)
- There is currently no significant evidence of US participation on the ground.

Maritime/CCG:

- Protest activity at sea ports by Mariners for Freedom is planned for 12 Feb across Nova Scotia including Sydney, and western areas of the province. Halifax Regional Police are monitoring a land-based slow moving convoy, which is expected to converge at Peace and Friendship Park near Halifax Port Authority lands.
- CCG Marine Security Operations Centres (MSOCs) will continue to monitor for vessel traffic anomalies and other reports and information on maritime activities.

Foreign Interference:

- GAC's Rapid Response Mechanism team (RRM Canada) has been monitoring the online information ecosystem for indications of foreign state sponsored information manipulation related to the Ottawa truckers' convoy, and has observed overt efforts by pro-Indian government media to highlight events in Ottawa, criticizing both the Government of Canada's response and PM Trudeau's condemnation of the Indian government's handling of farmer protests in 2021. Pro-Indian government troll and bot networks are amplifying these narratives.
- RRM Canada has observed an increasing number of articles about the truckers' convoy on grey websites with suspected ties to hostile state actors. In addition, there has been interplay between transnational

conspiracy/IMVE spaces and grey websites, rendering it difficult to distinguish between foreign/domestic, and state/non-state. RRM Canada has discussed its findings with G7 RRM partners.

· **The Canadian 'Freedom Convoy' is backed by a Bangladeshi marketing firm and right-wing groups.** [Link](#)

· **As US trucker convoy picks up momentum, foreign meddling adds to fray.** [Link](#)

Financing:

- **Crowdfunding sites are not a regulated business sector under the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (PCMLTFA). However, should these sites transact with or through [businesses](#) that are subject to the Act, such as financial institutions, suspicious transactions may be reported.**
- **No surprise convoy organizers turning to Bitcoin to fund protest blockades: expert.** [Link](#)
- **No spike in suspicious transaction reporting amid trucker convoy protests: FINTRAC.** [Link](#)

CSIS/CSE:

- No concerns at this time.

SOCIAL MEDIA ANALYSIS:

- Military investigating after officer appears in anti-vaccine video. [Link](#)
- On 10 Feb, one of the Ottawa convoy leaders put out an address over social media, saying they will remain in Ottawa "as long as the public wants them to" and calls for the PM to resolve the issue peacefully, reiterating the point about the need to end all mandates.
- A social media post is asking mariners to participate in protest activity around ports across Canada on 12 Feb.

**Information above has been populated from reporting from departments including: CBSA, TC, ITAC, GAC, Canadian Coast Guard, FINTRAC, PS ROs and provincial EMOs

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Latest from CBSA:

Windsor – 75 to 100 protestors have now been consolidated to an area South of the College Avenue on Huron Church, there is another group of 25 to 50 protestors on Huron Church North of Tecumseh Road. Police Public Order Units (POU) have not executed their arrest plan but are slowly working to consolidate the protestors into a controlled area. A wider perimeter around the POE has also been secured. There are more than 300 Police officers involved in this operation. 12 tow trucks from Michigan entered Canada early this morning and are holding in the area along with approximately 10 domestic tow operators to move vehicles impeding the highway once the area is secure. A total of 20 vehicles, primarily passenger vehicles remain in the protest area. All Canada and US bound traffic is suspended on the Ambassador Bridge. No impacts to traffic at the Windsor Tunnel.

Sarnia – no impact to POE operations, BWT for trucks is 45 minutes.

Fort Erie – a slow roll convoy departed St.Catherines and Niagara Falls at approximately 0920 hours and proceeded toward Fort Erie on the QEW. OPP secured the highway approximately 5 km west of Fort Erie to prevent the convoy from travelling directly to the POE at Fort Erie. OPP and NRPS have secured the immediate area of the POE and are diverting US bound traffic with the assistance of the MTO to the Queenston Bridge.

Cornwall - Protestors (pedestrians and tractors) are near the POE though no impact to operations at this time. The Chief of Operations and the Executive Director are on route to the POE. Due to the sensitivities of this POE, media lines have been prepared if needed. Cornwall Police and OPP are engaged.

Thunder Bay/Pigeon River - Protesters are meeting at InterCity Mall in Thunder Bay at 1100EST and proceed down Highway 61 in a "slow roll". The protest will stop at the tourist centre located prior to the POE therefore it not anticipated to cause disruptions at the POE. Local Police are monitoring and POE management is fully engaged.

Emerson – No change due to protest North of the POE, Canada and US bound traffic is restricted with clients being diverted to adjacent POEs.

Coutts – No change in composition of protest, although 1000+ protestors are expected in the area. The Minister has approved the temporary suspension of CBSA services at Coutts in support of a formal request received by the RCMP effective 13:00 MT today. Comms and Border Alert team engaged in preparing notifications to clients and stakeholder.

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Hi there, please see below. I'll keep this chain updated today.

TODAY:

- Minister Alghabra is meeting with his Manitoba counterpart tomorrow at 12:30pm EST.
- Ministerial briefing with officials -1pm

Update as of 2022-02-12 0700 ET -

- As of 03:00 ET, there has been a significant reduction in the number of protesters on foot at the Huron Church/College Ave. intersection. A number of the protest vehicles have also left the area. Protest vehicles located on NB Huron Church have repositioned and are **only obstructing the left lane at this time.**
- As of 03:00 ET, only local law enforcement have Wyandotte St. W. blocked, there are no protest vehicles visible at this location
- On Feb 11, the Windsor Police Service (WPS) tweeted "*Pedestrian struck by a vehicle at Tecumseh Rd. W and Huron Church Rd. Young female child victim suffered non-life threatening injuries. Adult male driver arrested for leaving scene of accident. Active investigation.*"

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge

- As of 05:00 ET, the Blue Water Bridge reports border wait times of 120 minutes. No delays for U.S. bound traffic.

Coutts

- As of 11 Feb, the highway north of Coutts continues to be impeded by protesters blocking the provincial highway. **All traffic at Coutts POE is being redirected to nearby POEs.**

Emerson

- As of 00:23 ET on February 12, 2022, Emerson POE reports no changes in regards to the blockade.

Upcoming Protest Events:

ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
• Ottawa – Parliament Hill Protest continues • Coutts – Traffic is flowing	• Ottawa – protests continue at Parliament Hill and Downtown • Montreal	<u>February 12</u> • Nova Scotia protest at sea ports by Mariners and convoy on land (Halifax) • Montreal, QUE (convoy to Ottawa) • Lansdowne, NOR

North/South bound with one lane in each direction. • Sarnia – Hwy 402 blockade • Sault Ste. Marie – Protest offsite • Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge • Emerson – North and South traffic blockage north of POE • Pacific Highway – near POE	Airport – Feb 12, 2022 Overseas • New Zealand – protests in support of Canadian protests • France – protest in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium)	• Peace Bridge, SOR • Thunder Bay / Pigeon River • Regway, PRA • Osoyoos, PAC • Paterson, PAC <u>February 13</u> • Fort Frances, NOR Unknown date • SOR Rail blockade • North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MG <u>February 19</u> • Lacolle, QUE <u>US</u> • Peace Bridge, NY – Feb 12 • Port Huron / Sarnia – Feb 12 <u>Overseas</u> • Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 (Unconfirmed) • Across the Netherlands vehicular convoy protests on Feb 12, joining the rally in Brussels <u>on Feb 14</u>.(unconfirmed) • The Hague, Netherlands – protest <u>on Feb 13</u> from 1300 to 1600 (unconfirmed) • Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests
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